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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BANGEMANN

on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the/implications of the meeting of  
The European Council in Bremen and the  
Bonn Economic Summit for the preparation  
of the general budget of the Communities  
for the 1979 financial year

PE 54.633/fin.



This motion for a resolution was proposed by Mr Bangemann, rapporteur for the general budget of the European Communities for the 1979 financial year (in particular for Section III - Commission).

The Committee on Budgets considered the motion for a resolution at its meeting of 11 September 1978 and adopted it unanimously with one abstention.

Present: Mr LANGE, chairman; Mr AIGNER, first vice-chairman;  
Mr ALBER, Lord BRUCE OF DONINGTON, Mrs DAHLERUP, Mr DALYELL, Mr DANKERT,  
Mr FRÜH, Mr HAMILTON, Mr NOTENBOOM, Mr RIPAMONTI, Mr SHAW and Mr SPINELLI.



### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the implications of the European Council in Bremen and the Bonn Economic Summit for the preparation of the general budget of the Communities for the 1979 financial year

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolutions on the guidelines for the 1979 budget (Doc. 3/78 and Doc. 54/78),
- having regard to the preliminary draft budget submitted by the Commission,
- having regard to the draft budget submitted by the Council (Doc. 296/78)

considering that, in its guidelines for the 1979 budget:

- (a) it recommended that the Community budget should be more closely coordinated with the Community's economic policy in order to enhance the effectiveness of and increase the resources available for that policy;
  - (b) it expressed the view that a more balanced relationship should be established between the size of the budget and the extent of the problems aggravated by the crisis;
  - (c) it regarded the primary objective of the 1979 budget as being to help promote a balanced, harmonious and consistent economic recovery by taking appropriate measures to improve structures in the social, regional, industrial and energy sectors and in relation to Community policy for the next few years;
1. Reiterates its approval of the guidelines proposed by the Commission for the Community budget, in particular where it proposes:
- (a) that actions and policies which would benefit therefrom should be pursued at Community level,
  - (b) that the volume of the Community budget should be increased in accordance with these criteria so as to give it a redistributive function in economic and social terms;

2. Notes, however, that - even without considering the decisions taken in Bremen and Bonn - the volume of the Commission's preliminary draft budget and the Council's draft budget is too small and the measures proposed therein too unambitious to enable either the Commission's guidelines or the priorities established by Parliament to be implemented;
3. Stresses that the decisions of the European Council in Bremen and the Bonn Economic Summit endorse Parliament's guidelines in that they expressly lay down that the objective of Community policy is to combat unemployment through economic recovery;
4. Considers that the Community budget must contribute to the joint effort required from the national budgets, in order to respond to the economic situation and implement the political decisions to promote economic recovery;
5. Points out that the growth of the Community budget must reflect the progress in Community integration and that in most of the areas covered by the budget the volume of appropriations is still not sufficient for them to have an economic and political impact;
6. Will take the necessary budgetary steps - in the hope that the dialogue within the Budgetary Authority will continue in the spirit of the meeting of 18 July 1978 - to enable the objectives established at the highest political level of the Community to be achieved and to exploit to the full the opportunities offered by the Treaties and the Financial Regulations;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.